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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: PETER M. BONUTTI

Serial No.: 0 8 / 752,005 Group No.: 3309

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USE IN ANCHORING A SUTUREAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is

- a small entity. A verified statement:  
 is attached.  
 was already filed.

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 01 FC:202 640.00 OP  
 02 FC:203 627.00 OP  
 03 FC:215 55.00 OP

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IS GRANTED BY  
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**EXTENSION OF TERM**

**NOTE:** "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) — If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

*If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).*

**NOTE:** See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136  
(fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fees for other than small entity	Fees for small entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 390.00	\$ 195.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 735.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. 55.00

Extension fee due with this request \$\_\_\_\_\_

OR

- (b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

Appln. S/N 08/752,005

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE OR RATE ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL . 129	MINUS .. 72	= 57	x11 = \$ 627.00	x22 = \$
INDEP. . 26	MINUS ... 10	= 16	x40 = \$ 640.00	x80 = \$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM		x130	\$	x260 = \$
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$ 1,267.00	OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
  - \*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
  - \*\*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".
- The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

**WARNING:** "After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 CFR § 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

- (c)  No additional fee for claims is required.

**OR**

- (d)  Total additional fee for claims required \$ 1,267.00

**FEE PAYMENT**

5.  Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 1,322.00

- Charge Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum  
of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

**FEE DEFICIENCY**

**NOTE:** If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6.  If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No.  
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**AND/OR**

- If any additional fee for claims is required, charge  
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